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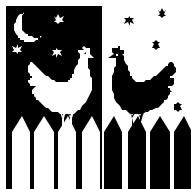
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Demand was in a full range with best interest into retail ads and fast food services. Supplies were close balanced for light weights, heavier sizes balanced to fully sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good with industry purchasing and preparing for upcoming holiday weekend needs. Breast items were sufficient to tight and clearing, dark meat was balanced with export business contributing to movement, and wings were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cent to 63.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 57.50 cents last year on the 10th May, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

LINE RUN TENDERS	208.50
BREASTS - B/S	144.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	97.50
LEG QUARTERS	29.00
WINGS	103.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 05/05/01	2001	2000
EGGS SET	184,660	183,698
CHICKS PLACED	149,877	150,793
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		+01
		-01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 5, 2001. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 5, 2001. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through May 5, 2001 were 2.63 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 16-Jun-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.81 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings of small sizes in close balance and confidently held, heavy weights easily adequate to cover current needs. Demand by stores moderate, best to cover features. Demand by restaurants and fast food good with improvement noted to cover Mother's day weekend needs. Floor stocks adequate. Breasts were firm with balance of parts generally steady.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Seasonal demand was fair to good as Mother's Day nears with more improvements expected due to retail ads, fast food and restaurant businesses. Supplies of smaller sizes were close balanced to well cleared and often sought, but heavier weights were at least adequate. In the parts structure, breast items were in the closest balance and trading well, at times at higher levels. Dark meat was still moving well with supplies balanced, and availability of wings had increased with interest slowing. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to fully steady. Additional offers of whole birds and Wogs were adequate to in close balance on lighter weight product and sufficient for heavy sizes. Retail demand was in a full range with features stimulating best interest. Food service movement fair to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were desirable. Trading on parts items was moderate to active on breast items with bone-in breasts in close balance and boneless/skinless breasts sufficient for trade needs. Dark meat items and wings were trading light to moderate with supplies adequate. The market tone was firm on breast items and steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound and smaller birds remained in the best balanced position, however, the 3.5 pound and larger birds remained available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on the lighter birds, and about steady on the heavier weights. In the parts structure, breast items continued to clear well. Dark meat cuts were well balanced as export draw remains active. Wings were at least sufficient.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained generally moderate. Seller offerings continued to vary in both size and volume with the 2.25 and 2.50 pound sizes in the closer balanced position at some points. 3.0 pound and heavier weights were in good balance to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to tight. Leg cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	50-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.49
NO. OF BOXES	14,167
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 09, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	897	125.00-215.00	140-145	142.84
TENDERLOINS	45	145.00-235.00	145-150	185.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	123	73.00-77.00	74-75	74.85
FRONT HALVES	105	71.00-81.00	75-77	77.71
LEGS	127	40.00-48.00	40-42	41.07
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	315	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,610	27.00-30.00	29	28.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	249	102.00-105.00	102-104	102.80
WINGS (CUT)	624	113.00-126.00	115-118	118.29
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	46	93.00-96.50	-	95.74

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	842	125.00-215.00	140-145	144.30
TENDERLOINS	227	145.00-235.00	150	156.72
BREAST - LINE RUN	118	74.00-76.00	-	74.60
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	127	41.00-48.00	41-42	41.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	395	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.18
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,610	27.00-30.00	29	28.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	289	100.00-103.00	101-102	102.41
WINGS (CUT)	826	115.00-126.00	115-118	119.48
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	46	93.00-97.00	-	96.13

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.00 - 54.50	52.16	49.00 - 54.50	51.59	51.24

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was moderate to fairly good as dealers acquired product for the holiday weekend. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were closely cleared, and bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to balanced. Continued export demand kept dark meat lines clearing well. Wings were at least adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged moderate to fairly good as seasonal demand takes shape. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, steady to fully steady on dark meat cuts, about steady on wings.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

MAY 08, 2001				MAY 09, 2001			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	140.76	732,260	BREAST - B/S	140-145	143.68	679,580
TENDERLOINS	135-140	143.51	186,440	TENDERLOINS	135-140	145.02	98,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	77.59	386,940	BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	79.02	297,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	74.20	147,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	74	78.08	216,000
LEGS	39-40	43.87	288,960	LEGS	39-40	41.43	258,380
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.43	861,142	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.21	525,320
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	42.64	192,670	DRUMSTICKS	36-37	42.63	157,990
THIGHS	37-38	42.13	150,090	THIGHS	37-38	41.87	154,980
B/S THIGHS	88-89	90.64	70,970	B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.64	63,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	107.81	392,080	WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	108.42	364,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	100,920	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	96,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.19	82,265	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.12	79,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.28	125,830	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.86	118,040

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	05/09	05/08	05/07	05/04	05/07	05/04	05/02	04/30
ALA	3,848	3,979	3,912	4,567	5.10	4.85	3,746	5.15
ARK	5,029	5,088	5,156	6,069	4.99	4.59	4,867	5.03
DELMARVA	2,380	2,299	2,324	2,364	5.13	5.04	2,278	5.08
KY-LA-TN	2,001	1,993	2,015	2,161	4.60	4.41	1,906	4.68
MISS	2,862	2,877	2,803	2,887	5.27	4.97	2,746	5.20
NC	2,675	2,679	2,525	2,814	6.05	5.70	2,627	6.10
TEXAS	2,353	2,333	2,285	1,947	4.96	5.06	2,319	4.99
TOTAL	21,148	21,248	21,020	22,809	5.15	4.90	20,489	5.18
MON-WED 63,697(A)	62,256 (A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-May 01 and is estimated to be 31,640,000 up 1.50 percent from a week ago and up 2.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,943,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		81
DUCKS		139
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-96
	DRY PACK	102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-121
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	96
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 12-01

	CURRENT WEEK 05/12/01 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/05/01
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	162,346 (2)	162,313
LT HENS	1,630	1,812
HVY HENS	1,499	1,548
CHECK TOTAL	165,475	165,673

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-May-01 is 159.1 million head compared to 159.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.7 million head or 3.6 million more Than estimated available. For week of 19-May-01 the estimated available is 157.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 07-May-01	148,576	62,847
AM 1-Apr-01	116,507	62,425
CHG	32,069	422
PCT CHG	28	1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/07/01	04/30/01	05/08/00	05/07/01	04/30/01	05/08/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	20,454	20,280	17,488	5,073	5,281	15,084
LOS ANGELES	982	827	244	2,693	2,636	5,515

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 05/08/01

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	1.30	.73	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	4.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.55	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	.75	5.00	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	4.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.50	.90	.81	BROILERS ea.	-	4.00	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.30	3.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	8.00	8.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.00	3.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.50	1.20	ROOSTERS ea.	4.00	4.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	.65	-	GEESE ea.	5.50	6.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.40	-	TURKEYS ea.	3.00	21.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.80	1.55	1.42	DUCKS ea.	5.00	8.00	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.65	1.43	RABBITS ea.	3.00	4.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	7.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	8.00	13.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.00	5.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	11.50	15.00	-
SILKIES ea.	4.00	6.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.50	-				

TOTAL COOPS 143

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 7, 2001

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	54-59
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	57-69

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 4, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	76.71	157.35	93.43	29.50	3.44	51.63
High	78.67	167.18	98.34	34.42	3.93	51.63
Mostly	76.71	162.27	98.34	34.42	3.44	51.63
SAN JUAN						
Low	69.82	162.27	127.85	39.34	3.93	53.11
High	73.27	172.10	137.68	46.71	7.38	53.11
Mostly	71.30	167.18	127.85	39.34	4.92	53.11
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	76.22	157.35	93.43	29.50	3.93	51.63
High	77.69	167.18	98.34	34.42	4.43	51.63
Mostly	76.22	157.35	93.43	29.50	3.93	51.63
BECERRA						
Low	68.84	157.35	137.68	34.42	5.90	54.09
High	71.30	167.18	142.60	39.34	7.38	54.09
Mostly	68.84	167.18	137.68	39.34	5.90	54.09

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